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SUBJ: DJURANOVIC INTERVIEW ON ROLE OF LCY IN ECONOMY

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SUMMARY: IN SHORT INTERVIEW WITH TANJUG, MONTEN-
EGRIN LC PRESIDENT CRITICIZED CURRENT ECONOMIC TRENDS IN MONTENEGRO
AND SAID LCY WILL ASSUME GREATER
RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC STABIL-
IZATION POLICY END SUMMARY.

1. VESELIN DJURANOVIC, PRESIDENT OF MONTENEGRIN
LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS CENTRAL COMMITTEE, IN SHORT
TANJUG INTERVIEW CRITICIZED ECONOMIC TRENDS IN
MONTENEGRO."THEY HAVE NOT BEEN INTISFIED WITH THE
CONDUCT OF THE CHAMPIONS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN
THIS REPUBLIC, NOR WITH THE ACTIVITY OF THE ORGANIZATION
WHICH SHOULD HAVE ACTED IN THIS FIELD." DJURANOVIC
STATED THAT LCY WILL DISPLAY MORE DECISIVE ACTIVITY
IN ECONOMIC FIELD INCLUDING POSING THE QUESTION OF
RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCT THAT IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE
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WITH ECONOMIC STABILIZATION POLICY

2. SPECIFIC ECONOMIC SHORTCOMINGS MENTIONED BY DJURANOVIC WERE GROWING ILLIQUIDITY AND UNCOVERED INVESTMENTS.

3. ACCORDING TO DJURANOVIC, LCY TO DATE HAS NOT ACTED FORCEFULLY ENOUGH IN ECONOMIC AREA BECAUSE IN PRESENT CONDITION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT "A QUESTION RISES AS TO THE LCY'S LEADING ROLE." HE SAID LCY WOULD CEASE TAKING "DECLARATIVE AND PRINCIPLED POSITIONS" AND INSTEAD "CONCRETELY FOLLOW ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, AND DEMAND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LCY LINE."

4. DJURANOVIC DENIED THAT BY BECOMING MORE ACTIVE LCY WOULD RETURN TO RADICALISM OR POSITION OF A "FIRM HAND," SAYING LCY'S LEADING ROLE IS BEST REALIZED WORKING WITH SELF-MANAGEMENT ORGANS.

5. HE CLAIMED LCY ACTION IS DIRECTED AGAINST BOTH REMNANTS OF LIBERALISM AND BUREAUCRATIC STALINISTIC TENDENCIES. HE SAID WHERE SELF MANAGEMENT IS INSUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED LCY HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THE CONSTITUTION IS IMPLEMENTED.

6. COMMENT: WHILE DJURANOVIC'S COMMENTS MAY IN PART HAVE ONLY LOCAL MEANING, THEY APPEAR SIGNIFICANT AS FURTHER INDICATION OF YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP'S INCREASINGLY SERIOUS APPROACH TO ECONOMIC STABILIZATION. COORDINATION BOTH IN POLICY FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION REMAINS A PROBLEM IN THIS DECENTRALIZED SOCIETY, AND THUS FAR NEW MECHANISMS OF SOCIAL ACCORDS AND SELF-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS HAVE NOT RESOLVED COORDINATION DIFFICULTIES. DJURANOVIC APPEARS TO BE SAYING LCY WILL ASSUME LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF STABILIZATION PROGRAM IN MONTENEGRO AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE IN YUGOSLAVIA. IDEA THAT IN ABSENCE OF DEVELOPED SELF-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LCY HAS LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES IN ECONOMIC FIELD RUNS THROUGH INTERVIEW. FOLLOWING ON INITIATION OF PROGRAM AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIMES(SEE REFTEL), INTERVIEW SUGGESTS LCY INTENDS ALSO TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WITH IMPLEMENTATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN ECONOMIC SPHERE DO NOT DIVERGE FROM LCY POLICY GUIDELINES.
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